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3. A copy of related application Serial No. 10/830,284 filed April 21, 2004; and
4. Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B.

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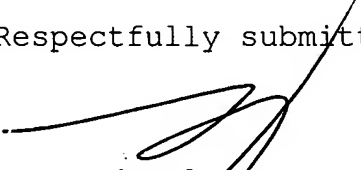
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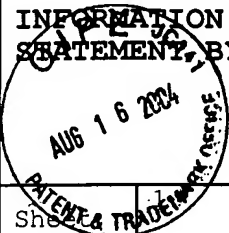
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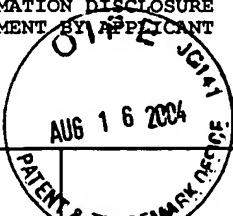
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